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1. THE SECRETARY HAS DECIDED THAT WE HOLD OFF THE START OF AID TALKS UNTIL AFTER THE FULL LEGISLATIVE PROCESS ON THE AID BILL IS COMPLETED. THIS MEANS THAT BILATERAL TALKS ON AID WILL PROBABLY BE DEFERRED UNTIL EARLY 1976. THE INDIANS WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS DECISION WHEN CHAVAN COMES HERE NEXT WEEK.

2. WHILE THE DECISION WILL DELAY THE START OF FORMAL TALKS WITH THE INDIANS FOR SOME TIME, WE CAN USE THE ADDITIONAL TIME USEFULLY TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS OF CLARIFYING OUR OWN THINKING ON THE OUTLINE OF A POSSIBLE INDIA PROGRAM. YOU HAVE RECEIVED OUR INITIAL REACTION TO YOUR VERY GOOD 12875 IN THE REFTTEL. WE WELCOME YOUR FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE QUESTION OF PROGRAM CONTENT. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER
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WE NEED TO HAVE A GOOD IDEA OF WHERE WE ARE HEADING BY

EARLY 1976 IN ORDER TO PREPARE THE FY 77 CONGRESSIONAL
PRESENTATION IN A REALISTIC FASHION.

3. IN VIEW OF THE SECRETARY'S DECISION, WE ARE DROPPING
CONSIDERATION OF THE IDEA OF SENDING AN AID TEAM TO DELHI
FOR TALKS WITH THE INDIANS AT THIS TIME. INGERSOLL

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